USEUCOM CIE Portal Taxonomy and RFI Management

An Overview of the CIE – Emphasizing the Role of Taxonomy in the deliberate organization of data, file structures, web portals and virtual buildings

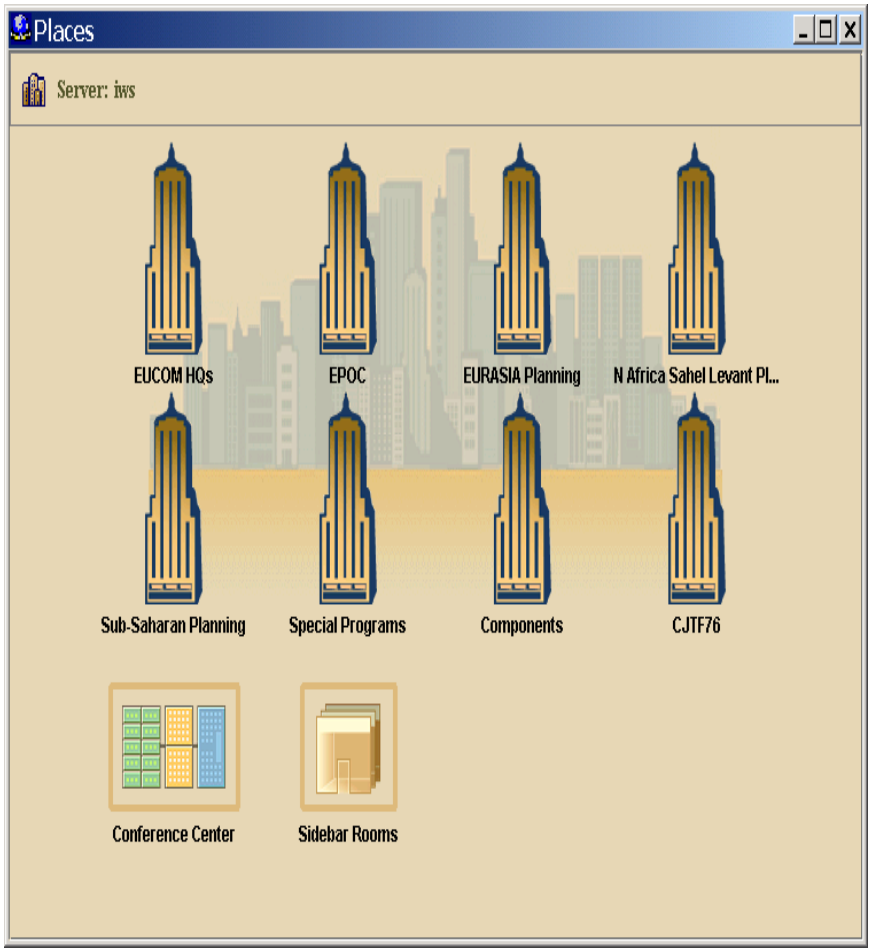
CIE Introduction and the importance of Taxonomy

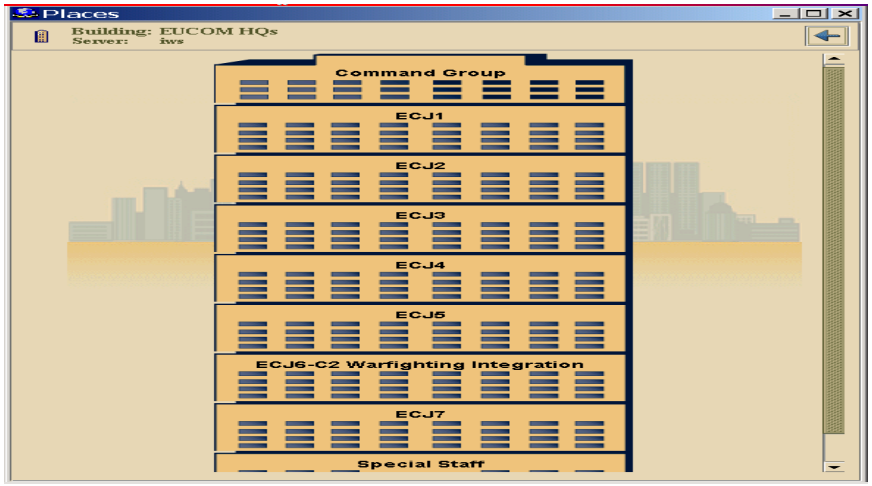
- The Collaborative Information Environment is oriented toward developing situational awareness and understanding of the battlespace (pre-crisis, developing crisis, and during crisis response) for joint and supporting forces—to assist the commander and his staff in the decision making process.
- Taxonomy is about getting information to the warfighter quickly and intuitively. It brings the “Where is it” and the “How do I find it” together to form the “right now” of critical information.

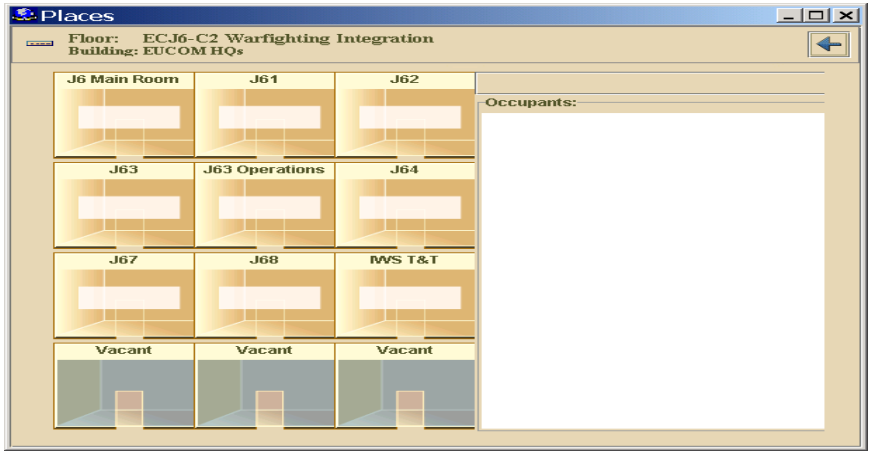
IWS Taxonomy (Synchronous)

- The EUCOM IWS taxonomy includes eight virtual buildings which represent the EUCOM organizational structure and mission
  - "EUCOM HQ"
  - “EPOC”
  - “EURASIA Planning”
  - “N Africa Sahel Levant Planning”
  - “Sub-Saharan Planning”
  - “Special Programs”
  - “Components”
  - “CJTF76”

IWS Taxonomy







Portal Taxonomy (Asynchronous)

- The goal of the EUCOM Portal is to present a customized workspace view of key information no matter where the information physically resides, while filtering unrelated information from the reader's immediate view.
- The EUCOM Portal taxonomy is displayed through
  - 1) Hierarchical series of "Dashboards" which reflect the current organizational structure, missions, exercises and operations.
  - 2) Hierarchical folder structure in which to maintain documents

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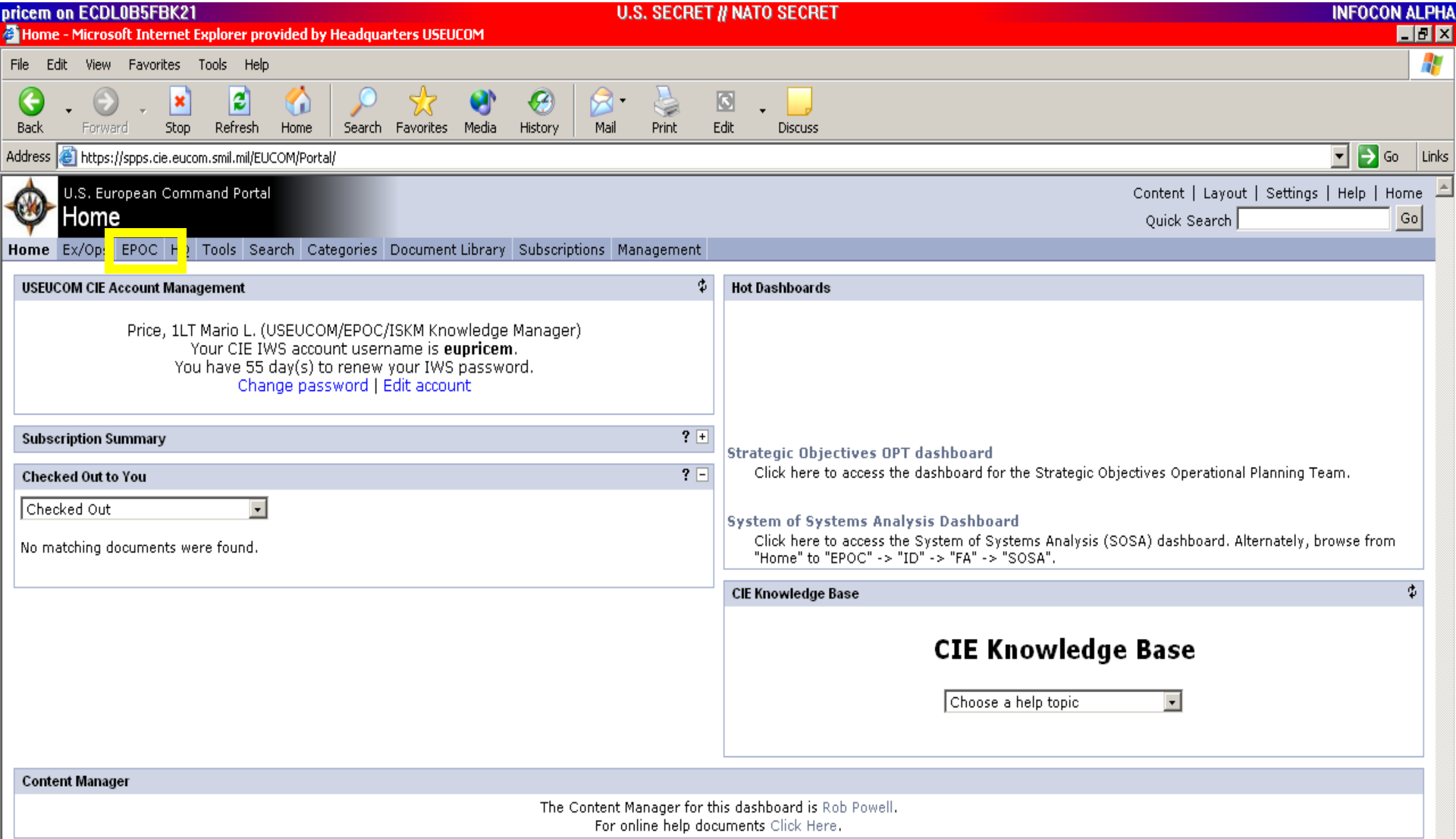
Portal Home



EPOC Structure

U.S. European Command Plans and Operations Center
EPOC

Content | Layout | Settings | Search | Home

Home | Ex/Ops | EPOC | HQ | Tools | Search | Categories | Document Library | Subscriptions | Management

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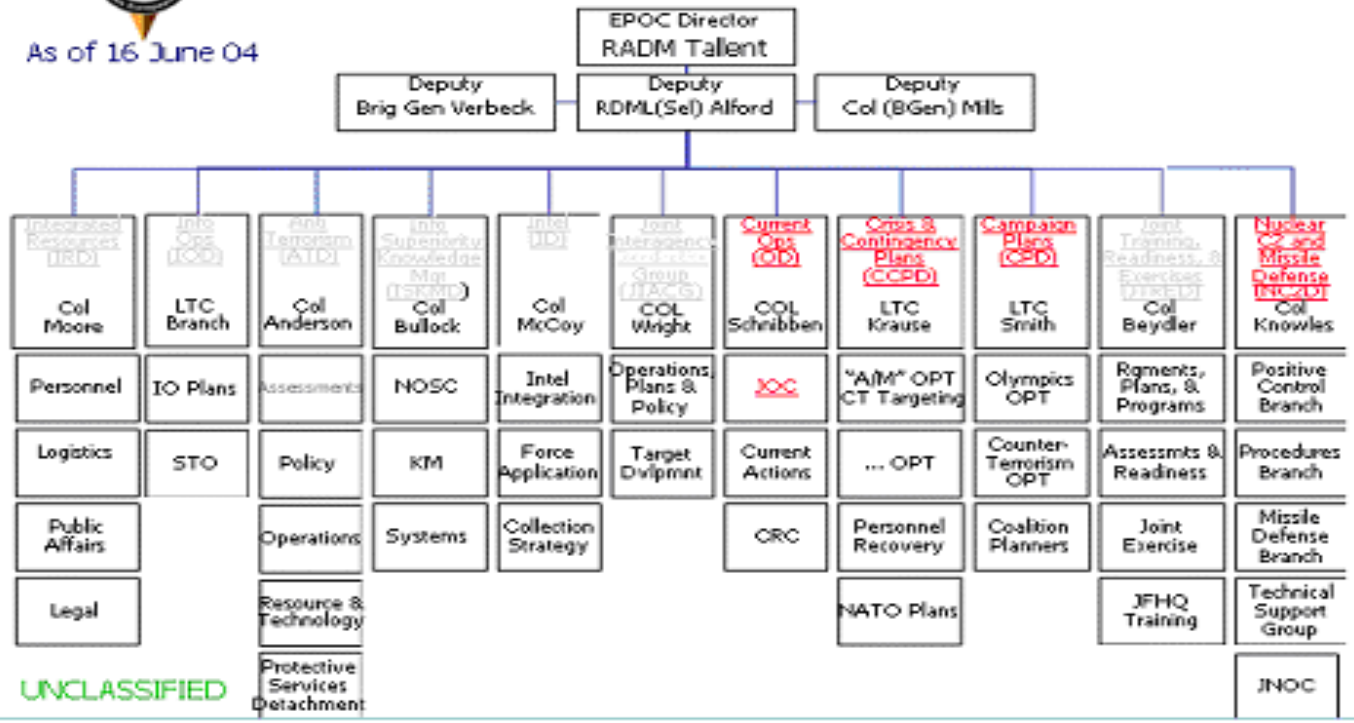
EPOC Organization Chart

As of 16 June 04



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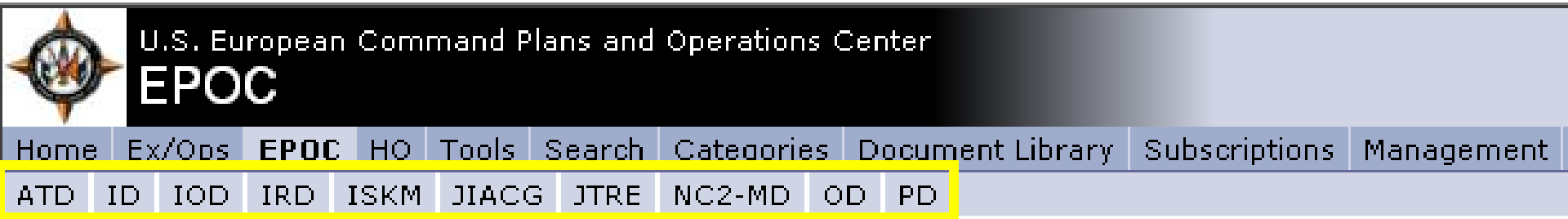
EUROPEAN PLANS & OPERATIONS CENTER (EPOC)



- **Sub-dashboards represent EPOC divisions**
  - **Provides area for Divisions to host:**
    - **“Internal” information**
    - **Data that is not supporting a “Current” mission**
    - **Data that is relevant to specific Tasks/Actions and the particular Dashboard focus.**

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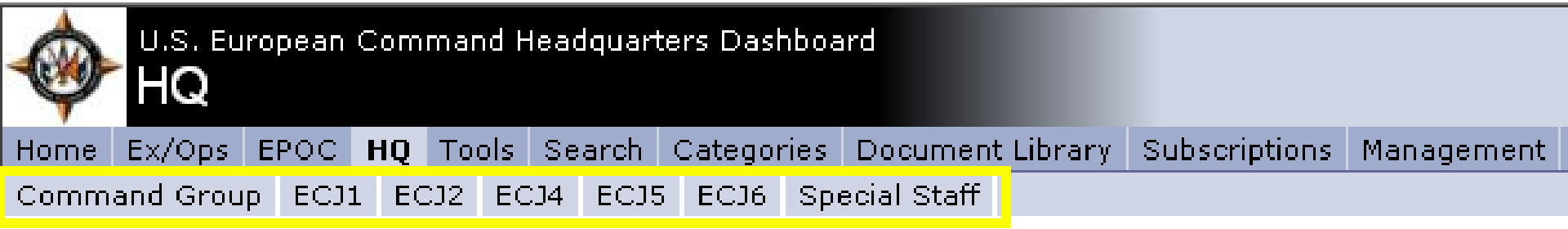


- **Sub-dashboards represent EUCOM directorates**
  - **Provides areas for Directorates to manage data**
  - **Creates an Asynchronous Collaboration space for day-to-day business practice**

Exercises & Operations

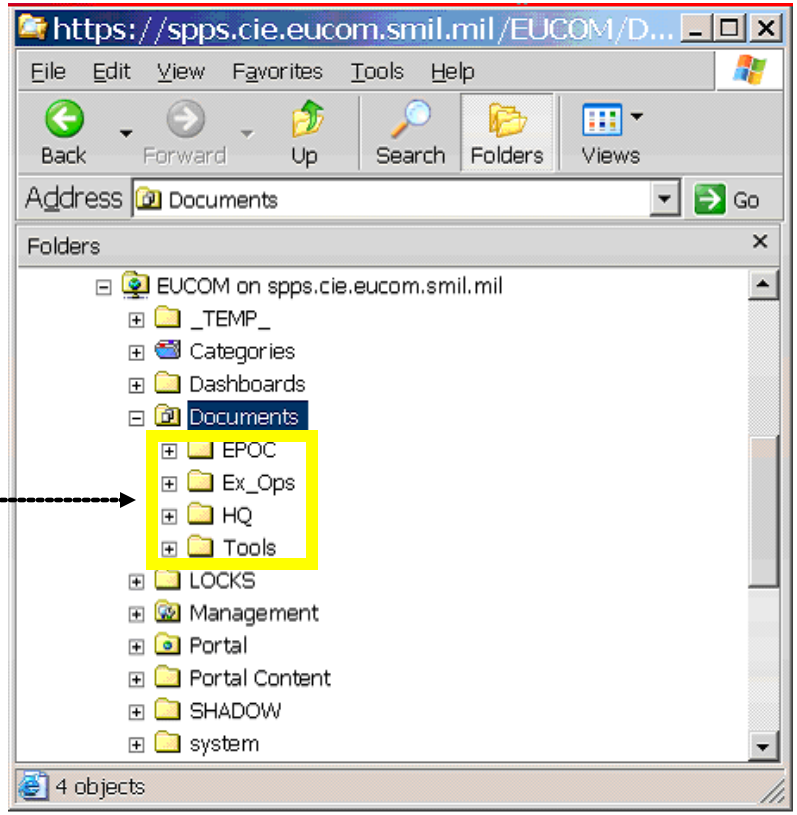
- 5 Standard Web Parts
  - Administrative
  - Overview
  - Planning Products
  - SIPR Links
  - POC

Exercises & Operations

- 3 Standard Sub-dashboards
  - Commanders Critical Information Requirements (CCIR)
  - Task/Request for Information (RFI) Manager
  - Phone Book

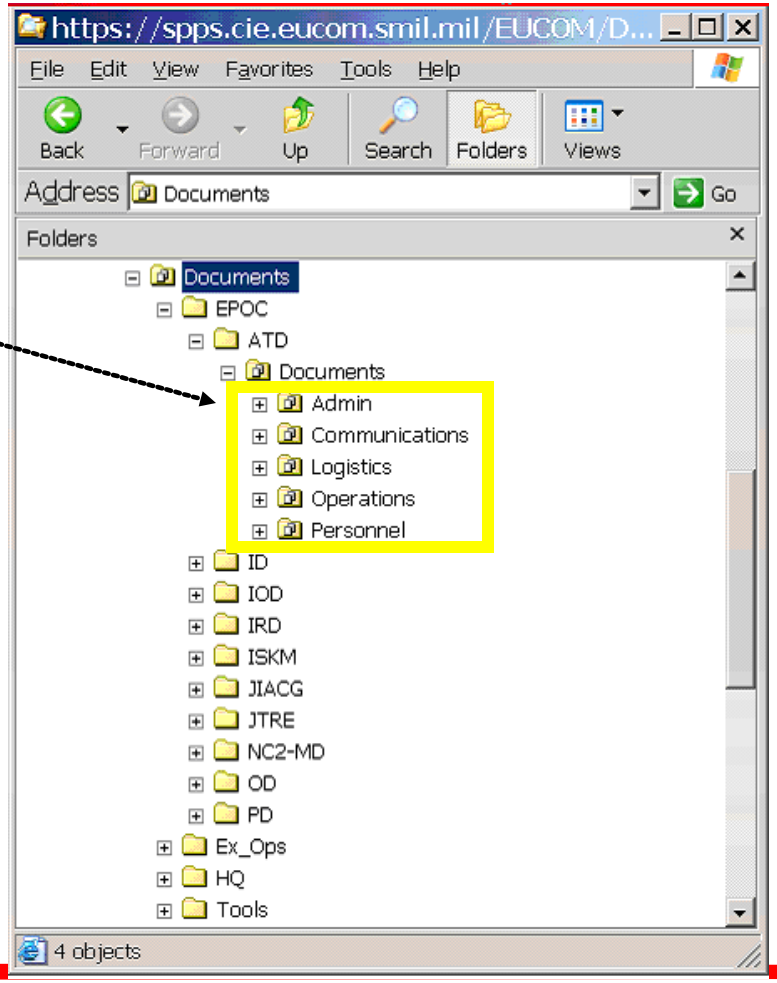
FOLDER TAXONOMY

- **Documents and hyperlinks stored in "Documents" folder**
  - **Subfolder for each major dashboard**



ORGANIZATIONAL TAXONOMY

- Applies to EPOC & HQ
- Primary sub-folders
  - Administration
  - Communications
  - Logistics
  - Operations
  - Personnel



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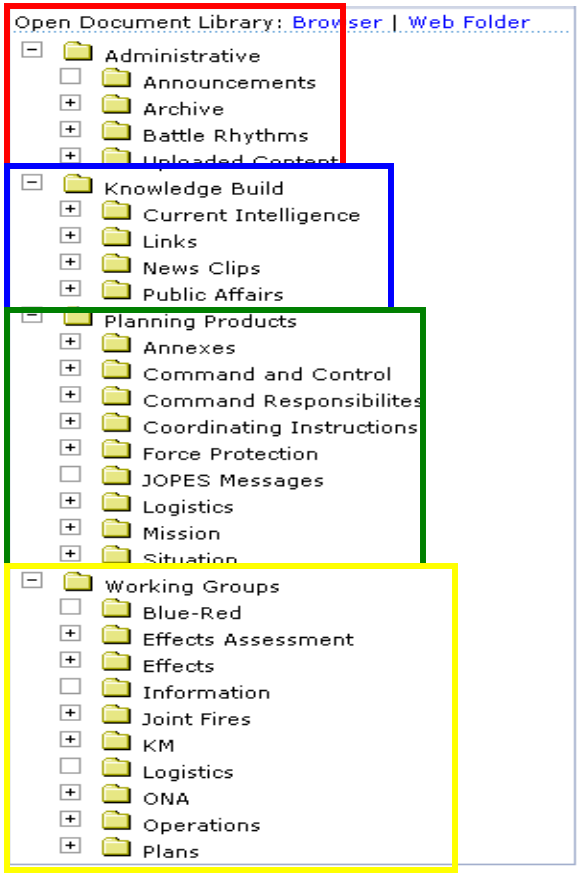
- **Primary sub-folders**
  - **Administration**
    - **Day-to-day OPS of OPT**
    - **Where to be when**
    - **Synchronous Collaboration archive**
  - **Knowledge Build**
    - **Outside agency supporting information**
    - **EUCOM/DOD Response to activities**
  - **Planning Products**
    - **Directed by JOPES (Joint Operation Planning and Execution System)**
  - **Working Groups**
    - **Support Planning Products with Asynchronous Collaboration repository**
    - **Supports EBO model**